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Robert Hicken
Mountain Valley Stone, Inc.
P.O. Box 296
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Re: Change in Operator, Mountain Valley Stone, Inc., Browns Canyon Mine, M/043/019, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hicken:

On January 22, 2001, the Division received Mountain Valley Stone, Inc.'s large mining plan for the Browns Canyon mine, along with the additional \$250.00 permit fee for a large mining operation less than 50 acres. We were unable to place the application on our review listing at that time due to the fact that this site was formerly permitted by Jon Young as a small mining operation and we had not received a transfer from Mr. Young to Mountain Valley Stone.

Mr. Young has not responded to requests from this Division, or yourself, to furnish a transfer form for this site. We have since received a copy of your building stone lease and a letter from Wright/ Garff Resources, LLC (landowner) showing that you are named on the lease and since January, 2000, all their dealings have been with Mountain Valley Stone, Inc. Their letter informed us that royalties were never paid by Jon Young and they do not consider Jon Young to have any further interest in the lease. Therefore, we will accept *Mountain Valley Stone, Inc. as the new operator of this site and will release Mr. Jon Young from any further mining or reclamation responsibilities at the Young's Browns Canyon Quarry*. As of February 13, 2001, we have added your large mining application to our review listing.

Due to a backlog of other permit reviews, the Division may not be able to complete a review of this large mine plan within the usual 30-day timeframe (by March 13, 2001). We apologize for the delay and hope this will not cause any inconvenience to you. We hope to be able to complete our review of this application within the next 30-45 days.

We appreciate your understanding in this regard. Please contact me or Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5286 or 538-5310 if you have questions or concerns with this letter or this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Jon Young, Young Stone Supply
Kurt Seel, Assistant Attorney General Office

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